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Prior application:

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/392,418, filed September 9, 1999, which is a continuation application of 08/937,290 filed September 26, 1997, now US 5,992,337, for **Methods of Improving Productivity of Black Liquor Recovery Boilers**, by the following named inventor(s):

(a) Full Name Louis C. Philippe  
(b) Full Name Eric L. Duchateau  
(c) Full Name David R. Scheeff  
(d) Full Name Arie Verloop  
(e) Full Name Edward C. Dye

[X] The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[ ] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 09/392,418, as filed on September 9, 1999, which is a continuation of 08/937,290 filed on September 26, 1997, now US 5,992,337, including copies of the

specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.

2.  Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
3.  \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status [ ] are enclosed [ ] were filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  The filing fee is calculated below [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
<b>Basic Application Fee</b>					<b>\$740.00</b>
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00=	\$00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 3 =	4	x \$84.00=	\$336.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					
<b>Total Application Fee</b>					<b>\$1,076.00</b>
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed					
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$1,076.00</b>

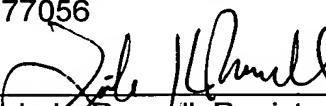
5.  Charge \$ 1,076.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-1375 for fee due.
6.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
7.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
8.  Cancel in this application original claims 1-14, and 31-38 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
9.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --  
This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/392,418, filed September 9, 1999, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/392,418.

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08/937,290, filed September 26, 1997, now US 5,992,337 (which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety).

10. [ ] Transfer the drawings from the pending prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date according this application. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)
11. [X] New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. [ ] Priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
[ ] The certified copy of the priority application  
[ ] is enclosed  
[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] has not yet been filed.
13. [ ] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. [ ] Also enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.
15. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jeffrey L. Wendt, Reg. No. 32,952.  
a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
c. [ ] Recognize as Associate Attorney  
d. [X] Address all future communications to:  
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I hereby certify that this transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date December 6, 2001, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL, POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE", mailing label number EF408107304US, addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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